

REMARKS

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-34 and 62, and the species of a compound including a hydrophilic polymer and further elect the species of poly(ethylene glycol). Although not listed in the Office Action, the species of poly(ethylene glycol) has been added to claim 5, from which it appears that the list of species was generated.

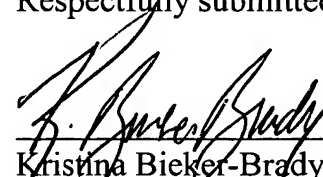
Support for this amendment is found, for example, on page 9, lines 4-13. The election is made without traverse.

As requested by the Office, Applicants enclose replacement drawings herewith.

Enclosed is a petition for extending the period for reply for four months, to and including November 25, 2004. If there are any charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Drawings

Kindly replace the drawings with the replacement sheets provided herewith.